

QUESTIONNAIRE AND FREQUENCIES DISTRIBUTIONS

Wilmington Crime Survey

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Hello, I'm _____, a student at UNCW. We are calling about 400 adult residents living in Wilmington whose phone numbers were randomly selected. This survey is a class project in which we interview people about the Wilmington Police Department and other issues facing Wilmington. Your participation is voluntary and your answers are anonymous. The survey will take less than 10 minutes. Are you 18 years of age or older?

[IF NO, ASK FOR AN ADULT TO SPEAK TO -- REPEAT INTRO]

[IF NO ADULT AVAILABLE, THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW].

First, do you live --->

(1) inside the city of Wilmington (N = 201; **54%**)

(2) outside the city limits [TERMINATE INTERVIEW] (N = 171; **46%**)

(99) DON'T KNOW OR NO ANSWER [TERMINATE INTERVIEW]

At one time or another, most of us have experienced fear about being the victim of a crime. We are interested in finding out how afraid you are of being a victim of several different types of crime. First, . . .

HOW AFRAID ARE YOU OF . . . (read item)? ARE YOU

	not afraid at all	somewhat afraid	very afraid
. . . being attacked by someone who has a weapon?	53	36	11
. . . being robbed while on the street?	59	35	7
. . . being raped or sexually assaulted?	61	28	12
. . . having someone break into your home?	44	40	16
. . . having a loved one attacked by someone with a weapon?	39	41	20

Is there any area right around your home — that is, within a mile — where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

43 yes 57 no

Is there any area right around your home — that is, within a mile — where you would be afraid to walk alone during the day?

13 yes 87 no

How safe do you feel being alone at night in your home? Do you feel . . .

69 very safe 25 somewhat safe 4 somewhat unsafe 3 very unsafe

In the past year, would you say your fear of crime has . . .

24 gone up 5 gone down 72 remained about the same

In the past year, have you or anyone else in your household been the victim of crime?

17 yes 84 no

Have any of your neighbors been the victim of crime in the past year?

26 yes 74 no

In the past year, would you say that crime in your neighborhood has . . .

15 gone up 6 gone down 79 remained about the same

In the past year, have you done any of the following for self-protection? Yes No

... Installed new locks?	21	79
... Installed an alarm system?	16	84
... Gotten a guard dog?	13	87
... Moved to a new address?	12	88
... Kept a gun in your home?	31	69
... Carried a gun?	9	91

There are a number of things people sometimes consider to be problems in their neighborhoods. Please tell me how great a problem each of the following items is in your neighborhood.

<i>HOW GREAT A PROBLEM IS . . . (read item)? IS IT . . .</i>	not a problem	somewhat of a problem	a serious problem
... trash and litter lying around?	79	18	3
... disruptive neighbors?	83	13	4
... graffiti in your neighborhood?	97	2	1
... vacant houses in your neighborhood?	95	5	-
... people USING drugs in public?	88	10	3
... people SELLING drugs in public?	90	5	4
... suspicious strangers in your neighborhood?	77	17	6
... groups hanging out in your neighborhood?	87	9	4
... guns in your neighborhood?	93	7	1
... lack of trust among your neighbors?	92	6	2
... speeding or reckless driving in your neighborhood?	57	32	12

Now I am going to ask you some questions about the Wilmington Police Department. Please tell me, IN GENERAL, whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree to the following statements.

<i>IN GENERAL, THE WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS . . . (read item). DO YOU . . .</i>	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree
... responsive to local issues.	23	71	5	2
... doing a good job with problems that really concern people in the neighborhood.	18	62	15	5
... polite and courteous.	24	63	12	2
... effective at keeping order on the streets.	17	71	8	4
... effective at apprehending criminals.	12	65	18	6
... effective at using its personnel and equipment	13	69	13	5
... effective at enforcing traffic regulations	24	53	14	9
... fair when dealing with people in general	17	66	13	5
... fair when dealing with minorities	12	65	19	4
... fair when dealing with teenagers	8	65	21	7
... fair when dealing with college students	8	65	18	9
... not doing a good job in preventing crime in this neighborhood.	5	16	58	22
... doing a good job in responding to people who have been victims of crime.	17	69	11	3
... not able to maintain order on the streets and sidewalks.	4	13	71	12

How often do you see the police patrolling your neighborhood? Do you see them . . .

<u>30</u> less than once a month	<u>19</u> about once a week	<u>20</u> everyday
<u>17</u> several times a month	<u>14</u> several times a week	

Do you think the Wilmington Police Department should patrol your neighborhood . . .

<u>29</u> more often	<u>3</u> less often	<u>68</u> or about the same as now
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Overall, how satisfied are you with the Wilmington Police Department?

22 very satisfied 67 satisfied 9 dissatisfied 3 very dissatisfied

Now we would like to ask you a few questions about your religious beliefs and activities.

How often do you attend church or religious services?

19 never 16 a few times a year 14 once a month or less
15 several times a month 36 at least once a week.

How often do you pray?

10 never 16 occasionally 10 weekly 64 daily

How important is God in your life?

7 not important at all 18 somewhat important 75 very important

In thinking about your religion, would you consider yourself to be

12 not religious at all 60 somewhat religious 28 very religious

Are you a member of any of these religious groups?

55 Protestant 14 Catholic 1 Jewish
22 other 9 no religion

Now I have just a few final questions so that we can make comparisons among all of the people in our survey.

In what year were you born?

57.6 [converted to average age of respondent]

What is your race? Are you . . .

7 black or African American
89 white American
-- American Indian
3 Hispanic or Latino
1 or another racial group?

Would you describe yourself politically as:

8 very liberal
27 somewhat liberal
40 somewhat conservative
13 or very conservative
12 middle of the road/moderate [only if Rd volunteered]

Which of the following best describes the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

2 less than high school
10 high school or GED
42 some college or technical school after high school
24 a four-year college degree
23 or, some education beyond a four-year degree

I am going to read you a list of income groups. Please stop me when I get to the group that includes your annual household income . . .

8 up to \$10,000

5 \$10,000 \$20,000
10 \$20,000 to \$30,000
15 \$30,000 to \$40,000
12 \$40,000 to \$50,000
12 \$50,000 to \$60,000
6 \$60,000 to \$70,000
3 \$70,000 to \$80,000
2 \$80,000 to \$90,000
4 \$90,000 to \$100,000
12 or over \$100,000
10 refused

How many adults age 18 and older live in your household?

27 one 53 two 20 three or more

How many children under age 18 live in your household?

68 zero 18 one 10 two 3 three 2 four or more

We need to know where in the city respondents in this study live. Would you mind just giving us your street address?

Well, would you mind just telling us your street name and block number, or the nearest street intersection to you home?

Compared to other neighborhoods in Wilmington, would you say the average household income in your neighborhood is

35 above average
55 average
10 below average

Now our instructions are to ask each person we talk to if they are . . .

34 male
66 female

THAT IS ALL THE QUESTIONS WE HAVE TONIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. GOOD BYE.

[To Interviewer] Evaluate overall how well this interview went:

- (1) Went very well – respondent was friendly, willing to answer questions, cooperative, I enjoyed the interview.
- (2) Went well – respondent usually paid attention to my questions, seemed to understand what was being asked, seemed sure of the responses, business-like, matter-of-fact.
- (3) Went poorly – respondent didn't seem to be paying attention to me and I had to repeat my questions; respondent didn't understand some of the questions, seemed unsure of how to respond.